



# Topic 1 Plant life

## Objectives

When you have completed this topic you will be able to:

- ☼ state that plants are living things
- ☼ describe some of the things that plants do
- ☼ investigate the variety of plants in your local environment

## Plants are living things

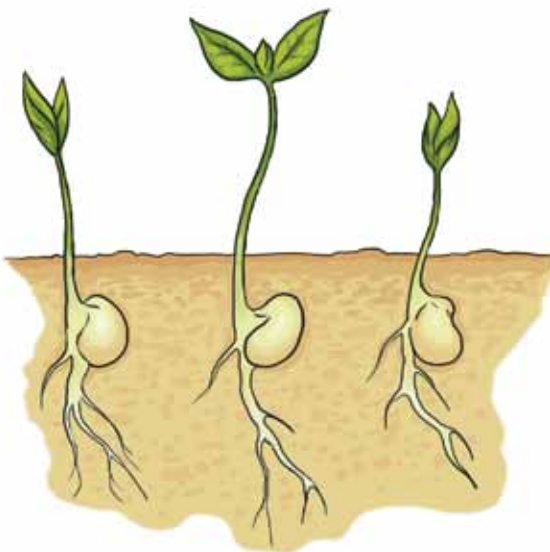
We know that plants are alive because:



plants grow



plants feed



plants reproduce



plants die and decay



## Activity 1

### Plants feed and breathe



*You will need:*

- Place one of the plants near the window.
  - Leave it for several days.
  - What happens to the leaves?
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- Cover the other plant with a plastic bag and secure it with an elastic band.
  - Leave it overnight.
  - Where has the water come from?





# Plants

There are plants all around us.  
Which of these have you seen?

a



b



c



d



Plants come in all shapes and sizes.

From



**tiny flowers**

to



**giant trees**





## Plant types

There are different types of plant.



Marigolds are garden flowers.  
Hibiscus is a flowering shrub.



Cashew, olive and orange are types of tree.  
We eat their fruit and nuts.



Cotton and coffee are crops.  
Farmers grow them to sell.



Okra and cabbages are vegetables  
— they are good to eat.



### Activity 2

Write the names of some of the different plants that grow around your school or home. Are they shrubs, vegetables, crops or trees?

### Check your progress

**1 Copy and complete with two of the key words.**

Plants are alive. They can \_\_\_\_\_ by making seeds.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a large plant.

**2 Name examples of these plant types:**

a vegetable      a crop      a tree      a shrub

a garden flower

#### Key words

crops  
die  
feed  
grow  
reproduce  
shrub  
tree  
vegetables